

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
April 2, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 7:21 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Edmond Chibeau, Monique Brown, Ron Baker, Lesley Sweeney, Kimberly Christenson, Kim O'Keefe, Ruth Washington, Cathie Salai, Anna Cramer, Ron Baker, Andrea Newton, Karen Sommer, Julie Brown, Christiane Burkhard, Linda Blum

THANK YOU'S: Ron Baker

PASTE IN HERE!!

Andrea Newton was told not to copy class directories because it is too late in the year. Edmond was wondering where the online copy is. Is it worth making just a few for interested parents? Norma and Andrea will look at this. Linda Blum offered to help with copying.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Norma Fisher Doiron

Calendar of Events passed around to review

Highlights:

Parents Hour: Guests from England. Round Table discussion. They shared many activities going on at their school.

Class sizes the same as last meetings notes.

Special Person's week of May 1st. It will be done by grade level AM/PM, but not Friday. A schedule and invitations will be coming out at the end of the week. Norma had very good feedback from the adjustments that were made last year. We are in need of volunteers to help serve the snacks in the gym and create invitations. Linda Blum felt that the invitations discouraged parents from coming last year, implying just grandparents. Norma will review the invitations to be sure all special people feel invited.

Karen Sommer was hoping that we could talk about why the circus was cancelled. Norma stated that it was because of the 50th celebration. All the preparations for the 50th would prevent doing the circus justice.

TEACHER'S REPORT: Monique Brown

Nothing to report

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Monique Brown

March's minutes were reviewed (done by Ron).

AMENDMENTS: None at this time

Motion for acceptance by: Karen Sommer

2nd by : Ron Baker
All in Favor

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Sweeney

March's Report was reviewed:

Highlights: Nothing really special to report. She needs to adjust budget for the next report.

Motion to accept report: ?

Seconded by: ?

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Nothing to report.

OTHER:

Scholastic Book Fair – Julianna Barret is organizing this. She is working the days of the fair and needs someone to check in with the volunteers to confirm them for the event. It runs May 30 – June 1.

Ice Cream social Friday, June 1st. Volunteers are needed to serve at this event. Kim O'Keefe will order the ice cream and supplies..

May 19th Tag Sale: Kim O'Keefe reported that she needs volunteers to put signs up and then take them down after the sale. The A-frame sign goes on the corner of 89 and 195. The shed needs a sign and signs need to be put on the corner of 44 and 89 and on Mt Hope Road. Irene Sheehan has done it in years past but is unavailable this year. MT. Hope Montessori in having a tag sale May 5th and is donating to our tag sale all the things they don't sell. Storage is too full. Help needed to bring these items over to the school storage that day. A press release needs to go in the papers for renting out tables. There are 20 tables that can be sold. Kim usually places the ads in the Chronicle and the Broadcaster. Kim is also working on getting a story in the Chronicle about the sale. The Cub Scouts are helping to tag Friday and help out Saturday. There is going to be a bake sale and some fun fair booths.

Science Sampler: Linda Blum said there was very positive feedback on the samplers, especially on Sue Harrington. She mentioned it was hard to have a first come, first serve sign up. She also mentioned that it was too much work to coordinate it after school. Linda recommends that next year it be done on a school wide basis with PTO and enrichment money. At the last meeting, we voted to give surplus money from the first session back to Sue (\$82). Linda Blum motioned to put the 30 or so surplus dollars from the second session in the general fund with the hope that we will later put it towards a future science program by Sue Harrington.

Newsletter: Nancy Banfield needs blurbs to add to the school newsletter that goes out monthly.

Museum Passes. Karen Sommer mentioned that the PTO is now sponsoring a new museum; The New Britain Museum of Arts. This is in addition to the Peabody Museum pass we are already sponsoring.

Karen Mitlinsky is organizing fall carnival again. She was hoping to have an official auctioneer. Karen Sommer mentioned that we don't even have volunteers to organize the silent auction yet. There was some disagreement on whether or not we should support a formal auctioneer as it would change the family atmosphere of the fair. Christiane Burkhard volunteered to do face painting at the carnival. Norma suggested maybe having an auctioneer at a different event.

Sue Charon not up for organizing Muffins for Mmoms and Donuts for Dads. Norma suggested we ask around to see if someone would organize this. Monique Brown suggested having a "walk" instead of an "eat".

Teacher's Appreciation Day (May 8th). The PTO usually does a potluck the last day of school but this year the town is covering this. Norma suggested having a potluck on teacher's appreciation day instead? All present were in favor of this.

We need to vote on next year's officers at the next meeting. The names are listed in February's meeting minutes.

Motion to adjourn: Karen Sommer

Motion seconded by: Lesley Sweeney

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 4/9/07
NEXT MEETING: May , 2007